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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lantero *et al.*

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For: PROCESS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF  
GLUCONIC ACID AND  
GLUCONIC ACID  
PRODUCED THEREBY

Attorney Docket No: 9342-046

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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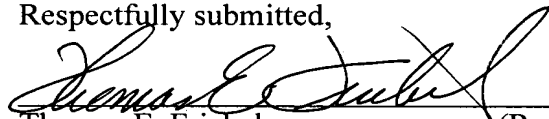
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2004 be extended for a period of one (1) month from January 8, 2005 to and including February 8, 2005.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$120.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: February 7, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

  
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